

SENATE BILL 420
EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator McFadden (By Request - Baltimore City Administration)**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2004

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Tax Sales - Auctioneer's Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the auctioneer's fee in Baltimore City allowed as an
4 expense relating to certain tax sales of property; making this Act an emergency
5 measure; and generally relating to the auctioneer's fee in Baltimore City
6 allowed as an expense relating to certain tax sales of property.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Tax - Property
9 Section 14-813(e)(2)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Tax - Property**

15 14-813.

16 (e) (2) The auctioneer's fee allowed in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall
17 be:

18 (i) except in BALTIMORE CITY, Caroline County, Carroll County,
19 Dorchester County, Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Somerset County, Wicomico
20 County, or Worcester County:

21 1. for any date when 1, 2, or 3 properties are sold, an amount
22 not to exceed \$10; and

23 2. for any date when 4 or more properties are sold, \$3 for
24 each property sold;

25 (ii) in Caroline County, Dorchester County, and Somerset County,
26 \$10 for each property sold, but in no event may the auctioneer's fee be less than \$50
27 a day or greater than \$200 a day;

1 (iii) in Kent County, an amount not exceeding \$7.50 for each
2 property sold;

3 (iv) in Queen Anne's County, \$7.50 for each property sold;

4 (v) in Wicomico County, \$8 for each property sold;

5 (vi) in Worcester County, the greater of \$8 for each property sold or
6 \$300, to be allocated pro rata among each property sold; [and]

7 (VII) IN BALTIMORE CITY:

8 1. FOR ANY DATE WHEN 1, 2, OR 3 PROPERTIES ARE SOLD, AN
9 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10;

10 2. FOR ANY DATE WHEN 4 OR MORE PROPERTIES ARE SOLD,
11 \$3 FOR EACH PROPERTY SOLD; AND

12 3. IN AN ELECTRONIC SALE, AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
13 \$10 FOR EACH PROPERTY SOLD; AND

14 [(vii)] (VIII) in Carroll County, the amount set by the Carroll
15 County Commissioners.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
17 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
18 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
19 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
20 the date it is enacted.